

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
NORFOLK DIVISION**

Appotronics Corporation Limited,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No: 2:19cv466-RGD-LRL

v.

Delta Electronics, Inc.,

Defendant.

AMENDED RULE 16(b) SCHEDULING ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's Joint Motion for Extension of Case Schedule (ECF No. 84). As set forth in this Order, the Court hereby **AMENDS** the Scheduling Order entered into on September 14, 2020, ECF No. 73, and **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Trial shall commence on **October 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**, at Norfolk. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the party intending to offer exhibits at trial shall place them in a binder, properly tabbed, numbered, and indexed, and the original and two (2) copies shall be delivered to the Clerk, with copies in the same form to the opposing party, one (1) business day before the trial. The submitting party may substitute photographs for demonstrative or sensitive exhibits.

2. Any rebuttal disclosure by the party bearing the initial burden of proof shall be made on **April 2, 2021** and shall be limited as to source to expert witnesses previously identified. Further rebuttal to Rule 702, 703 or 705 evidence shall be permitted only by leave of court.

3. Discovery shall be commenced timely and, except as to expert witnesses, shall be completed by **plaintiff(s)** and by **defendant(s)** on or before **March 22, 2021**. "Completed" means that interrogatories, requests for production, and requests for admission must be served at least thirty (30) days prior to the established completion date so that responses thereto will be due on or before the completion date. All subpoenas issued for discovery shall be returnable on or before the completion date. Unrepresented parties may request subpoenas of witnesses for depositions or trial, but such requests must be accompanied by a memorandum

containing the name, address and purpose of the testimony of each witness and be approved in advance of issuance by a judge or magistrate judge of this court. Such approval shall not preclude any witness from contesting a summons. In accordance with Rule 5(d), depositions upon oral examination and upon written questions, interrogatories, requests for production, requests for admission, notices for depositions and production, requests for disclosure of expert information, expert information, disclosures, and answers and responses or objections to such discovery requests shall not be filed with the court until they are used in the proceeding, or ordered filed by the court. Discovery improperly submitted will be discarded by the clerk without notice to counsel. The party taking a deposition or obtaining material through discovery is responsible for its preservation and delivery to the court if sought to be used by any party or ordered filed.

4. All discovery of experts, and all depositions taken by the proponent of a witness for presentation in evidence in lieu of the appearance of the witness at trial, shall be concluded on or before **April 20, 2021**.

5. The pretrial disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(3) shall be delivered to all counsel and unrepresented parties on or before **September 28, 2021** and filed with the Court at the final pretrial conference as part of the final pretrial order. Any objections to this disclosure shall be delivered to all counsel and unrepresented parties on or before **October 5, 2021**, and, if unresolved, will be heard at the final pretrial conference. The failure to deliver timely objections to Rule 26(a)(3) disclosures shall constitute a waiver of the right to object. Wherever delivery to counsel or unrepresented parties, as opposed to the Clerk, is required by this order, facsimile transmission or equivalent electronic transmission during normal business hours on the due date, accompanied by simultaneous service by mail, shall be considered timely.

6. An attorneys' conference is scheduled in the office of counsel for plaintiff or, if the plaintiff is unrepresented, at the office of counsel for the defendant whose office is located closest to the courthouse at Norfolk on **October 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** Counsel and unrepresented parties shall meet in person and confer for the purpose of reviewing the pretrial disclosure required by Rule 26(a)(3), preparing stipulations, and marking the exhibits to be included in the final pretrial order outlined in paragraph 7. With the exception of rebuttal or impeachment, any information required by Rule 26(a)(3) not timely disclosed, delivered, and

incorporated in the proposed final pretrial order shall result in the exclusion of the witnesses, depositions, and exhibits which are the subject of such default.

7. A final pretrial conference shall be conducted on **October 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**, at the courthouse in Norfolk, at which time trial counsel and unrepresented parties shall appear and be prepared to present for entry the proposed final pretrial order setting forth: (1) a stipulation of undisputed facts; (2) identification of documents, summaries of other evidence, and other exhibits in accordance with Rule 26 (a)(3)(A)(iii) to which the parties agree; (3) identification of Rule 26(a)(3)(A)(iii) materials sought to be introduced by each party to which there are unresolved objections, stating the particular grounds for each objection, and arranging for the presence of any such materials at this conference; (4) identification of witnesses in accordance with Rule 26(a)(3)(A)(i) indicating any unresolved objections to the use of a particular witness and the grounds therefor, and designating those witnesses expected to testify by deposition in accordance with Rule 26(a)(3)(A)(ii); (5) the factual contentions of each party; and (6) the triable issues as contended by each party. While preparation of the final pretrial order shall be the responsibility of all counsel and unrepresented parties, counsel for the plaintiff, or if the plaintiff is unrepresented, counsel for the first-named defendant, shall distribute a proposed final draft to all other counsel and unrepresented parties on or before **October 12, 2021**. Unresolved objections shall be noted in the proposed final pretrial order, but disagreements concerning the content of the final draft shall be resolved before the final pretrial conference, at which time the parties shall present a complete and endorsed proposed draft of the final pretrial order. Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may result in the imposition of sanctions pursuant to Rule 16(f).

8. Trial by jury has not been demanded. Proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be electronically filed with the Clerk on or before **October 18, 2021**.

9. Motions

a. Disposition of motions for summary judgment is left to the discretion of the court, and such motions may or may not be addressed prior to trial.

b. Counsel must file a brief in support of their motion or response to a motion as required by Local Civil Rule 7(F).


c. Briefs may not exceed the page limits set by Local Civil Rule 7(F)(3) without an order of the court.

d. Counsel filing a dispositive or partially dispositive motion against a pro se party must comply with the notice requirements of Local Civil Rule 7(K).

e. The nine-element signature block of counsel of record must be on all pleadings and motions filed with the court. Local counsel are required to sign the pleading. See Local Civil Rule 83.1(F) for counsel's responsibilities.

10. ADR has neither been requested nor ordered in this case. If the parties agree upon a settlement, counsel for one of the parties shall immediately notify the court by electronically filing of notice of settlement. If an endorsed dismissal order is not received within eleven (11) days of receipt of the electronic notice, the court may enter an order dismissing the case with prejudice and retaining jurisdiction to enforce the settlement.

11. Any contemplated motions for summary judgment shall be due on or before **August 6, 2021**, any responses to shall be due on or before **August 20, 2021**, and any replies shall be due on or before **August 26, 2021**.


Robert G. Doumar
Senior United States District Judge

Date: March 12, 2021